

RESOLUTION OF INSTRUCTION TO THE STATE GEOLOGIST.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Article three, section seventeen of the constitution provides that "the general assembly shall establish a department of agriculture, immigration and statistics, under such regulations as may best promote the agricultural interest of the state;" and whereas, it is of the most supreme importance that the above provision of the constitution should be carefully and strictly observed, so as to develop and protect the great farming interest, by far the most important enterprise in our country, supporting, as it does, our whole system of government; and whereas, with a view of obtaining all practical information necessary to the enactment of such laws as will meet the requirements of the constitution, as well as provide for the best promotion of the agricultural interest of the state, therefore,

State geologist to
furnish statisti-
cal information.

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the state geologist be, and is hereby requested to furnish the general assembly, at as early a day as possible, with all such statistical information as, in his opinion, will be of service in the organization of a "department of agriculture."

To furnish any
information nec-
essary.

Resolved, further, That he also be requested to furnish such information as, in his opinion, will be of advantage in the enactment of such laws as will furnish protection to our farmers from the great impositions they are now suffering in the purchase of worthless and spurious fertilizers.

Ratified the 13th day of January, A. D. 1877.